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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FISHING TALKS WITH SURINAM

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1. MANAGER OF LOCAL CASTLE AND COOKE SHRIMP-PROCESSING
FACILITY SAIL, KEVIN KAYWOOD, TELEPHONE EMBASSY JANUARY 5
WITH INQUIRY ABOUT PROPOSED TALKS JANUARY 16 BETWEEN
DELEGATION OF FISHING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES
AND SURINAM GOVERNMENT (GOS) OFFICIALS. KAYWOOD SAID
CASTLE AND COOKE HEADQUARTERS HAD LEARNED OF PROPOSAL
AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST
OF MR SAHLMAN OF GEORGETOWN SEAFOODS, MR. UTES, SAID
TO BE A LAWYER, AND MR. YALEMAN
REPORTEDLY A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL. KAYWOOD NOTED THE
POSSIBILITY THAT TALKS COULD BE PART OF AN EFFORT BY SAHLMAN
GROUP TO GET PREFERRED TREATMENT IN
SURINAM FISHING WATERS AFTER 200-MILE ZONE IS PASSED AND
IMPLEMENTED.

2. EMBOFF CONFIRMED THAT A PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE
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FOR INDUSTRY-GOS TALKS AROUND JANUARY 16, THAT GOS HAD REACTED
POSITIVELY, BUT THAT NO DETAILS REGARDING COMPOSITION OF
DELEGATION OF ACTUAL DATE OF TALKS ARE YET KNOWN
TO EMBASSY AND FACT THAT TALKS MIGHT TAKE PLACE IS NOT
PUBLIC. EMBOFF ALSO INFORMED KAYWOOD THAT EMBASSY HAD
UNDERSTOOD PROPOSAL TO BE AN INDUSTRY PROPOSITION
FOR GENERAL TALKS ON LIKELY SITUATION IN

SURINAM AFTER PASSAGE OF NEW LEGISLATION AND THAT
THIS WAS ONLY WORD PASSED TO GOS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY ANTICIPATES KAYWOOD WILL
SUGGEST THAT CASTLE AND COOKE CONTACT DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN INDUSTRY
DELEGATION. CASTLE AND COOKE HAS AN IMPORTANT INTEREST IN
FISHING IN SURINAM WATERS AND CAN JUSTIFIABLY
CLAIM REPRESENTATION, ESPECIALLY IF A PRINCIPAL
COMPETITOR OPERATING FROM NEIGHBORING GUYANA WILL
ATTEND. IN FACT, EMBASSY HAD ASSUMED ALL ALONG THAT CASTLE
AND COOKE WOULD SOMEHOW BE REPRESENTED ON
DELEGATION, POSSIBLY BY APPOINTING ITS LOCAL MANAGER.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMING US AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER DELEGATION IS IN FACT COMING TO
PARAMARIBO, WHO WILL COMPRISE IT, AND DATES.
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